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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The suit against Microsoft should never have been happened in the first plac therefore I feel that the settlement they have made with the Department of Justice should stand the way it is and all litigations need to come to a halt. I am now retired but in my spare time, I rebuild and upgrade computers and have always used Microsoft products. Microsoft is being harassed for being the best at what they do. Bill Gates is an excellent businessman who built this company from the ground up, and now other companies want to take advantage of all his hard work.

We have home computers that are easily used and understood because of Microsoft. They have changed the way the IT industry does business. Now the other companies are going to get the internal codes of Microsoft so that they can design their software to be compatible. I don't necessarily think this is a bad thing but the courts should not be able to tell them they have to do this.

Even though I feel as though the suit should never have happened in the firs place, I think the settlement is better than continuing litigations. Enough damage h been done to the IT industry and the economy already. I hope the Department of Justice decides to rule in favor of the settlement so this whole ordeal can be over.

Sincerely,

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